

**Amendments to Specifications:**

Please replace paragraph [0009] in the specification with the following:

[0009] The present invention provides an improved LED based emitter and method for fabricating an emitter that addresses the disadvantages of conventional emitters and methods. One embodiment of an emitter according to the present invention comprises a light source which emits a first spectrum of light. A conversion material region is included that is formed separately from said light source and includes conversion particles. The conversion material region is positioned in proximity to the light source such that at least some of the light source light passes through the conversion material region. The conversion particles absorb at least some of the light source light passing through the conversion material region and ~~emitting~~ emit a second spectrum of light.

Please replace paragraph [0011] in the specification with the following:

[0011] One embodiment of a method of fabricating an emitter according to the present invention comprises providing a light source and providing a separately formed conversion material region which includes conversion particles. The conversion material region is then bonded proximate to the light source. The conversion material region is positioned

so that at least some of the light emitted from the light source at different angles flows through said conversion material region and through the substantially the same amount of conversion particles.

Please replace paragraph [0064] in the specification with the following:

[0064] FIGS. 15 and 16 illustrate an embodiment of an emitter 150 in accordance to the present invention where emitter 150 includes LED 152 and a phosphor-loaded cap 154. In this embodiment, however, instead of including two bottom contacts, LED 152 has a bottom contact 156 and a top contact 158. Cap 154 has a top perforation 160 slightly larger than top contact 158 so that when cap 154 is bonded to LED 152, top contact 158 is arranged within, and accessible ~~through~~ through, top perforation 160. Perforation 160 can be positioned anywhere along the phosphor cap, but is shown centered on the top for simplicity and ease of discussion.